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FREDERICK M. DENNY, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, PROPOSES STUDY KORAN RECITATION AND TRAINING AND ROLE OF RECITER IN CAIRO, BETWEEN JULY 1, 1976 AND JANUARY 1, 1977. PROJECT WILL FOCUS ON THEORY PRACTICE OF KORANIC RECITATION. STUDY WILL INCLUDE HISTORY AND RELATIONSHIPS ON SCHOOLS OF RECITATION. EMPHASIS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE BACKGROUND OF RECITERS, THEIR SELF-IDENTITY, ROLES THEY PLAY, AND ATTITUDES TOWARD CONGREGATION AND VICE-VERSA.

DENNY PROPOSES CARRY OUT PROJECT THROUGH INTERVIEWS AND OBSERVATION IN VARIETY OF SETTINGS, INCLUDING RELIGIOUS, NON-RELIGIOUS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE. HE HOPES ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH INSTITUTE OF KORAN RECITATION AT AL-AZHAR. HE WILL ALSO AFFILIATE WITH CENTER FOR ARABIC STUDIES, AUC. HE HAS LONG ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH DR. AL-NOWAIHI, DIRECTOR, AND SHAIKH MOHAMMED AL-GAYUSHI, OF LONDON ISLAMIC CENTER, WHO WILL BE RESIDENT IN CAIRO DURING THE UNCLASSIFIED

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